

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska ) Application No. 911-024.15  
Public Service Commission, on )  
its own motion, seeking to )  
develop policies and process ) ORDER GRANTING ACCESS  
requests for access to GIS data )  
and the GIS Repository: Great )  
Plains GIS Partnership ) Entered: April 1, 2008

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N     A N D     F I N D I N G S

On or about August 8, 2006, the Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) opened the above-captioned docket, on its own motion, to develop policies and process requests for access to GIS data and the GIS Repository.

In an order entered on August 30, 2005 in Docket No. 911-011/PI-97, the Commission approved the development of proper GIS data and map databases for public safety answering points (PSAPs) or supplementation of existing map databases necessary for Phase II service. The Commission has since approved funding for the development of GIS data for several PSAPs.

On April 4, 2006, the Commission also approved funding for a centralized data repository (Repository) for the GIS data in order to allow for maintenance of the data and access to the data by individual PSAPs and the Commission.

On October 10, 2007, the Commission entered an order establishing a process by which entities and individuals could request access to the Repository.

On or about November 14, 2007, Great Plains GIS Partnership (Great Plains) submitted an application for access to the Repository. A hearing was held on the application on March 11, 2008. Mr. Ryan Reker, a U.S. Wildlife Service employee, appeared in support of the application and testified that the information requested from the repository would be used for habitat and spatial modeling in Nebraska for use in production restoration of habitats. Mr. Reker stated that Great Plains would be able to abide by the Commission's established GIS Access and Use Policy and take any other necessary steps to protect proprietary data.

The Commission finds that the application should be granted. Prior to the issuance of a username and password, an authorized representative of Great Plains shall sign and return

to the Commission the attached Acknowledgment and Agreement Regarding GIS Access and Use Policy attached hereto as Appendix A.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the Great Plains GIS Partnership's application for access to the GIS Repository is granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that prior to receiving the requested password, an authorized representative of the Great Plains GIS Partnership shall sign and return to the Commission the attached Acknowledgment and Agreement Regarding GIS Access and Use Policy attached hereto as Appendix A.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 1st day of April, 2008.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director